



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMAND**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY OFFICE**  
**FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-5995**

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

October 4, 2001

*Madole*

Freedom of Information/  
Privacy Office

Mr. Ernie Lazar  
PO Box 423434  
San Francisco, California 94142-3434

Dear Mr. Lazar:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of May 29, 1999, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), for records pertaining to James H. Madole. The FBI forwarded your request, along with FBI records containing Army-originated information retrieved from their files, for releasability determination and direct response to you. Your request was referred to this office and was received on September 26, 2001.

We have completed a mandatory declassification review in accordance with Executive Order 12958. As a result of this review, it has been determined that the information contained in the records no longer warrants security classification protection and is partially releasable to you. The records are enclosed for your use. Fees for processing this request are waived.

Some material has been sanitized to protect the personal privacy rights of other individuals. Since the release of the information would result in an unwarranted invasion of the privacy rights of the individuals concerned, this information is exempt from the public disclosure provisions of the FOIA per Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(7)(C).

The withholding of the information described above is a partial denial of your request. This denial is made on behalf of Brigadier General Keith B. Alexander, the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority for Army intelligence investigative and security records under the FOIA. You have the right to appeal this decision to the Secretary of the Army. If you wish to file an appeal, you should forward it to this office. Your appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. After the 60-day period, the case may be considered closed; however, such closure does not preclude you from filing litigation in the courts.

The FBI has also informed us that their information highlighted in black is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(2), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(D) of the FOIA. To aid you in identifying the FBI exempted information, the information has been bracketed in red.

The withholding of the information by the FBI constitutes a partial denial of your request and you have the right to appeal this decision. If you decide to file an appeal, it should be sent to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, DC 20530. The envelope and the letter should be marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite FBI FOI/PA #905408 assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Additionally, we are forwarding a copy of this letter to the FBI.

If you have any questions concerning this action, feel free to contact Mrs. Armstead at (301) 677-4743. Please refer to case #1387F-01.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell A. Nichols".

Russell A. Nichols  
Chief, Freedom of Information/  
Privacy Office

Enclosure

CGR/err

HEADQUARTERS  
108TH COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS GROUP  
POST OFFICE BOX 56, COOPER STATION  
NEW YORK 3, NEW YORK

AHFKB-CIC-

DATE: 29 October 1957

SUBJECT:                     

FILE NO: G6-025480

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: FBI—New York  
DIO—3  
BOSSI

NOTE: Madole is head of National Renaissance Party (NRP) and is a listed character reference of SUBJECT who admits being an organizer of the NRP. Request your concurrence in our interview of Madole regarding his degree of association with                     

The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters First Army, requests information from your files or any sources available to you concerning the SUBJECT named and described below:

NAME: (Last, First, Middle) MADOLE, James

DESCRIPTION: Sex          Color          Height          Weight          Eyes          Hair

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:

PRESENT ADDRESS: 10 West 90th Street, New York, New York

FORMER ADDRESSES:

EMPLOYMENT: (Present or Last)

PARENTS: Father:  
Mother:

SPOUSE:                      SIGNATURE:                     

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Major, MI (Inf)  
Region Commander

AGENCY REMARKS:

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NO OBJECTION TO  
THIS INVESTIGATION

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Permission to interview granted (see stamp)

108<sup>th</sup> C.I.C. was requested to  
provide FBI, NY with copy of  
report reflecting interview. FBI, NY file  
# 105-6129 given to G2.

(Copies of reports and permission to  
interview was cleared thru S.A.

[REDACTED] to whom case is  
assigned. b7C per  
FBI

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>DEC 27 1957</b>	Investigative Period <b>10/9, 18, 24 25, 30; 11/6, 12, 14, 21, 27; 12/3, 7, 9, 11, 12/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES H. MADOLE</b>		Report made by <b>[REDACTED] b7C</b>	Typed <b>MXG</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - EGYPT REGISTRATION ACT</b>	

Synopsis:

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Subject has been seriously ill with asthma and was in St. Luke's Hospital from 10/24 to 10/30. Subject had another asthma attack in December. Subject attended a meeting of "Common Sense" in Union, NJ, on 10/13/57. Background information regarding ARCHIBALD COODY, Jackson, Miss., set out. MADOLE in contact with [REDACTED] Egyptian Consulate, NYC, regarding the National Renaissance Bulletin. Subject wrote anti-Semitic, anti-religion article for Oct. - Nov., 1957 National Renaissance Bulletin. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MADOLE advised CIC investigators on 11/6/57, that he visits the Syrian Consulate, NYC, where he is given literature and that they buy his literature for distribution in Syria and Egypt. ] *ab*

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Approved *[Signature]*  
Copies *made:*

Special Agent  
in Charge

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5-Bureau (105-52256)  
3-New York (105-6129)  
*mvg*

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[REDACTED] It is noted that [REDACTED] and was the [REDACTED] held in New York City [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Investigators, Central Intelligence Corps, indicated on November 14, 1957, that JAMES H. MADOLE had been interviewed by them at his apartment at 10 West 90th Street on November 6, 1957, and indicated the following. They stated that MADOLE had been listed by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as a reference on an Army questionnaire. MADOLE stated that he had never met [REDACTED] but that they corresponded when [REDACTED] joined the NRP in 1956. MADOLE stated that [REDACTED] at that time was residing in Davenport, Iowa and had been made Chairman of the Davenport, Iowa Chapter of the NRP by MADOLE. MADOLE stated he knew nothing about [REDACTED] except what he had read in [REDACTED] letter to him. MADOLE also stated that the NRP stands for dictatorship and that this dictatorship is the solution to problems in the United States. However, he indicated the Party does not advocate the violent overthrow of the Government. He also advised that if the NRP were in power they would "kill all the Jews and ship the Negroes and Puerto Ricans back to the countries of their origin."

MADOLE declined to answer any questions concerning the present strength or membership of the NRP. MADOLE advised that he visited the Syrian Consulate, New York City, where he was given literature and that the Syrians buy his literature for distribution in Syria and Egypt because they, as he, are anti-Jewish and Nationalistic in nature.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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## Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

11/29/63

Office:

New York, New York

Field Office File #:

105-6129

Bureau File #:

105-52256

Title:

JAMES HARTING MADOLE

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS

## Synopsis:

Subject currently resides 10 West 90th Street, NYC, with his mother Mrs. GRACE MADOLE; subject is unemployed. MADOLE arrested 7/14/63 by NYCPD for conspiracy to riot; indicted 8/15/63 by Bronx County Grand Jury, NYC; pled not guilty and continued in \$7,500 bail. Identities of associates set forth. JAMES MADOLE has been leader of National Renaissance Party (NRP) throughout its 14 year existence. He presides over NRP meetings and is principal speaker. Headquarters of NRP maintained at subject's residence. Subject's contacts with and activities in behalf of other racial or hate groups set forth. MADOLE allegedly stated in July, 1949, "We are ready (for violence) on a small scale in New York City." MADOLE informed representatives of Counterintelligence Corps, US Army, 11/6/57 that the NRP does not advocate the violent overthrow of the Government; that if the NRP were in power they would "kill all the Jews". MADOLE has in the past distributed quantities of pro-Arab literature.

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1958, MADOLE stated "These bombers are screwballs' and have no place in the movement; they are hurting the cause. "

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JAMES MADOLE was one of the speakers at a mass meeting held on Sunday, January 26, 1958, at the headquarters of "Common Sense" in Union, New Jersey. In his speech, MADOLE said that the white race would rule and that the Jew is "our" enemy. He also said that the Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and other prototypes in South America and Asia would have to accept the "inevitable" for they would be exterminated. MADOLE allegedly made the comment "We will have to seize power, show no weakness and no pity."

[REDACTED] b2 b7D

"Common Sense is characterized in the Appendix.

JAMES MADOLE was interviewed at his residence on November 14, 1957, by representatives of United States Army Counter-Intelligence Corp (CIC). MADOLE allegedly informed CIC that the NRP stands for dictatorship and that this dictatorship is the solution to problems in the United States; however, he indicated that the NRP does not advocate the violent overthrow of the United States Government. MADOLE said if the NRP were in power, they would "kill all the Jews and ship the Negroes and Puerto Ricans to the countries of their origin."

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#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

##### A. Propaganda Activities for Arabian Establishments, New York City

The last page of the May, 1956 issue of "National Renaissance Bulletin", advertised a list of literature which

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108th INTELLIGENCE CORPS GP PO Box 56, Cooper Station New York, New York 10003		DCI	BCI	ONI	
The 108th Intelligence Corps Group, requests information from your files or any source available, concerning SUBJECT below:					
NAME (last, first, middle)		MADOLE, James -			
SEX & COLOR					
DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH					
PRESENT ADDRESS		10 West 90th Street, New York, New York			
FORMER ADDRESSES					
EMPLOYMENT (present or last)					
FATHER					
MOTHER					
SPOUSE					
REMARKS:		<p><i>Let [redacted], 108th INTC Group via liaison was forwarded with copy of</i></p> <p><b>ALL FBI INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 2/17/00 BY SP2AHM/CJK</b></p>			
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## U.S. Department of Justice



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
935 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

Mr. Ernie Lazar  
Post Office Box 423434  
San Francisco, CA 94142-3434

Subject of Request: Serials from 157-1025

FOIPA No. 397655 /190- HQ-1250810

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Dear Requester:

Enclosed are copies of documents from FBI records. Excisions have been made to protect information exempt from disclosure pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (Freedom of Information Act) and/or Section 552a (Privacy Act). In addition, where excisions were made, the appropriate exempting subsections have been cited opposite the deletions. Where pages have been withheld in their entirety, a deleted page information sheet has been substituted showing the reasons or basis for the deletion. The subsections cited for withholding information from the enclosed documents are marked below:

## Section 552

## Section 552a

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(See Form OPCA-16a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

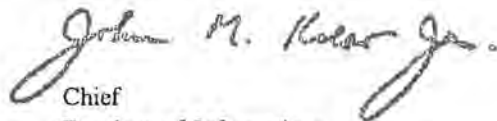
Pursuant to your request, 6 pages(s) were reviewed and 6 page(s) are being released.

During the review of material pertinent to the subject of your request, documents were located which

- ☐ originated with another Government agency(ies).  
These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

- ☒ If you desire, you may appeal any denials contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.
- ☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject of your request was the subject of the investigation. There are additional references to the subject(s) of your request in files relating to other individuals, organizations, events or activities. These additional mentions or references have not been reviewed to determine if, in fact, they are identifiable with the subject(s) of your request. Our experience has shown that such references are frequently similar to information contained in the processed main file(s). We will process these references if you now make a specific request for them. However, because of a significant increase in FOIPA requests and an expanding backlog, we have given priority to the processing of main investigative files and can only complete the processing of these additional references as time and resources permit.
- ☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



Chief

Freedom of Information-  
Privacy Acts Section

Office of Public and Congressional Affairs

Enclosures ( 2 )

Reference is made to my letter dated March 19, 1999, which indicated that serials 211, 283 and 284 from 157-1025 were unavailable. These serials were located and were found to have been previously processed for another requester. In order to provide the information you requested as soon possible, we have released the FBI information as it was originally processed.

It was determined that eight documents furnished to you on March 19, 1999, had also been previously released to another requester; therefore, a supplemental release of those documents is enclosed.





***FREEDOM OF INFORMATION***

***AND***

***PRIVACY ACTS***

***SUBJECT*** Serials 211, 283 and 284

***file number*** 157-1025



***FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION***

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 9/17/63

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. DeLoach

SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM BOMBINGS

2 Copies made by LTC  
for review by Rowe Task Force

Date 12/21/78

Tolson	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Callahan	✓
Conrad	✓
DeLoach	✓
Evans	✓
Gale	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	✓
Tavel	✓
Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holmes	✓
Gandy	✓

Relative to the bombing of the church in Birmingham which resulted in the killing of four children, it was our feeling immediately on Sunday, when we got this news, that the persons who perpetrated this atrocity had gone beyond the bounds acceptable to even hardened segregationists. It is one thing to explode dynamite outside a house or in an empty building, with the aim of scaring Negroes and integrationists and holding them back from their drive to achieve racial equality, but it is another thing to take the lives of innocent children.

We issued immediate instructions to Birmingham and surrounding offices to interview all members of the Ku Klux Klan and the National States Rights Party, as well as other hate groups, in the belief that we might secure information, as this degree of violence is unacceptable to them. These interviews are being conducted on a special basis.

By the same token, we suggested yesterday that a newspaper article appear in a Birmingham paper stressing the responsibility of the Birmingham community for the underlying causes of this tragedy and calling on all persons to furnish information to the FBI, which has the ability to handle such information in confidence and get results from it. This article is being given to the press today.

I have noted in the press a play on this same theme, namely that it is the responsibility of the whole Birmingham and Alabama community for what has happened and for correcting the situation; for example, the article by Charles Morgan, Jr. in the Washington Post this morning, "Who's to Blame?"

I think it would be very timely for the Director to put out a statement to the press along the lines that, while in this country everyone is entitled to his own opinion, and to achieve his goal by lawful means, this tragedy pinpoints what can happen when unthinking individuals strive to reach their goals by violence and breaking the law; that, in effect, such activities lead to chaos and anarchy; that the Director is sure that all right-thinking

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Mr. Tolson

citizens deplore this outrage, and consequently the Director is making a plea to all individuals, regardless of their beliefs, to come forth and furnish information to the FBI which will help to remove this stigma from the community. The FBI is conducting a full investigation to determine those responsible for this tragedy and requests the assistance of the entire community in furnishing information to this end.

It seems to me that this article would have several results. First, it would clearly place the Director on record as to his feeling about this incident and the fact that the FBI is conducting a full investigation; second, it will further emphasize the responsibility of the Birmingham community in this matter and place a burden on the people of the community to cooperate; and third, it will set the stage for the development of additional sources and informants in a very sensitive area.

**ACTION:**

If you agree, Mr. DeLoach's division will prepare an appropriate statement along these lines.

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ADDENDUM:(CDD:saj):9-17-63: Mr. Belmont's suggestion has merit and obviously reflects good thinking. I do have reservations. A statement of this nature should have been issued two days ago, immediately following the incident, such as we did in the [REDACTED] case. To issue such a statement now would make it appear that the Director is coming in the back door to capitalize on a tragic incident. The President, Attorney General, Martin Luther King, and countless others have issued numerous statements, many of them intimating that the blame lies on various personalities or groups. I don't think it advisable to join the parade.

There is another point. We all know that our record thus far in bombing cases is not good. For the Director to receive nationwide publicity, through the medium of the suggested statement, will serve to bring up--in the minds of many newsmen, and particularly our enemies--that we have yet to effect a solution. It will appear to many that we might be trying to absolve ourselves of responsibility.

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Belmont to Tolson 9-17-63  
Re: Birmingham Bombings

Addendum (Continued)

BIRMINGHAM, P.H.  
I recommend that the Director make no statement at this time. We are accomplishing much of the same objective by a story I am having Gene Wortsman of the Birmingham Post Herald publish in his paper on Wednesday, 9-18-63. In this instance, I think we are far better off talking only when we have accomplishments.

*JPW 9/17*  
*I concur.*  
*J*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : MR. BELMONT

DATE: 9/30/63

FROM : A. Rosen *Ru*cc Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Malley  
Mr. McGowan  
Mr. Lavin

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH,  
Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63  
BOMBING MATTERS*BAP Bome*

*Spent*

Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
Gale	_____
Rosen	_____
Sullivan	_____
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Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

*Fuller*  
*Low*  
*Reid*

I talked with SAC Roy Moore, at Birmingham, this morning, to ascertain whether there were any new developments.

He told me that he feels that this situation will probably backfire on the state authorities for having picked up Chambliss and Cagle. This appears to be true for as yet no charges have been filed against either and they are being held on an open charge of investigation.

He pointed out that yesterday Robert Shelton of the Klan had been riding around in a state police car most of the day. Shelton is outspoken in his support of Governor Wallace and is the most vocal of the Klan leaders in the area.

SAC Moore is of the opinion that the state authorities obviously knew that we had been putting tremendous pressure on the Chambliss group. Obviously the word got back to Shelton's crowd and they apparently felt they had to jump in and beat the Federal authorities to it by taking some action.

It is possible that this will backfire and that these people may be subjected to a law suit. Moore indicated that Chambliss used to work for the city and he was with them for about 8 years in the transportation department and knows enough about the law to know that he has a right to demand to know the charges which are outstanding against him, if any.

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SAC Moore, in spite of the above, is not changing his position. We are going forward with our interviews, keeping the pressure on and trying to create as much conflict as we can among the group that we have under investigation.

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cc MR. TOLSON

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. McGowan ✓

DATE: 9/30/63

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
BOMBING OF 16th STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63  
BOMBING MATTERS

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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I talked with SAC Roy Moore who advised me that yesterday Shelton rode around with the State Police most of the day. It is Moore's opinion that Luna, the investigator for the Klan, obviously talked with Hall and Cash and others who were told of the pressure being put on by the FBI. Luna obviously got in touch with Shelton concerning this and, in turn, this information was given to Posey, the investigator for the State of Alabama (Alabama Highway Patrol). It appears this may be the basis for the procedure followed by the Alabama Highway Patrol in trying to jump the gun and pick up these persons with the hope that they might have gotten a confession. So far it does not appear they have been successful because both Chambliss and Cagle are being held on open charges by the Birmingham Police Department for the Alabama Highway Patrol.

While talking with Moore I pointed to the teletypes sent to Birmingham concerning the examination of the evidence which was submitted as having come from the crime scene search at the explosion at 16th and Center Street on September 25, 1963. I called attention to the piece of coathanger cut with a pinching tool such as a diagonal cutting pliers or electricians pliers; also, the other items which might be susceptible of identification. Moore indicates that he is aware of this and they are pressing every possibility to come up with this, particularly one part which they felt came from a Hudson automobile and might have some bearing on the possibility of further identification.

With reference to the trip which Chambliss took to Florida, this was a regular run. He delivered parts which had been previously sold by salesmen. Nothing of significance was developed although we had him under surveillance.

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Memo to McGowan from Rosen

The report concerning the Hercules Powder Company having sold some dynamite on August 23, to a "redneck" concerning whom a license number was obtained has been washed out. The individual was identified and eliminated, according to Moore.

There was no meeting of the United Americans for Conservative Government (Chambliss' outfit) yesterday. Not a car appeared in the open area along the river where they met. Moore indicated, however, that the technical equipment which they tested out worked excellently. They were able to communicate with Agents who were in the woods with good fidelity at distances up to one mile. The Agents had on one of the portable transmitting and receiving sets which are carried on the body.

Yesterday Birmingham had <sup>b7C</sup> [REDACTED] in the office for two or three hours. They came in voluntarily. Saturday night they had Chambliss in. Obviously this would become known after they left the office. We will continue to put the pressure on these people and talk with them repeatedly as we have in the past.

Concerning the surveys which are being made, Roy Moore advises there is a real problem because it appears that the telephone company is getting numerous reports from all of the neighbors and friends of this group (Chambliss, et al), which has resulted in the telephone company having to check out suspicious persons in the area. One individual was caught climbing a pole and it developed he had nothing to do with any attempt to put in any device. Moore pointed this out to show the attitude of the local people and indicated that with Chambliss and the rest being as conscious as they are they were going to move a little slowly in recommending any coverage; however, they would continue to survey the situation.



## ***FREEDOM OF INFORMATION***

***AND***

## ***PRIVACY ACTS***

**SUBJECT** Serials 21, 63, 144, 308, 333, 334,  
335 and 337  
**file number** 157-1025  
*This is a supplemental release.*



***FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION***

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Ladd  
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URGENT 9-16 -63 5-55 PM CST

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC BIRMINGHAM  
FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-416/ 2 P

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,  
ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. BM.

RE BIRMINGHAM AND BUREAU TELETYPES SEPT. FIFTEEN INSTANT.

OF FIFTEEN BOMBING SUSPECTS IN THE MOBILE DIVISION, THIRTEEN  
HAVE BEEN CHECKED OUT AND ELIMINATED. WHEREABOUTS OF OTHER TWO  
HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED AS YET AND BOTH WILL BE INTERVIEWED  
PURSUANT TO BUTEL OF SEPT. FIFTEEN.

TODAY MOBILE INTERVIEWED A TOTAL OF SEVENTEEN PERSONS WHO  
ARE EITHER BOMBING SUSPECTS OR MEMBER OF KLAN OR HATE GROUP.  
NO PERTINENT INFO WAS OBTAINED DURING INTERVIEWS. FORTYONE  
SUCH INTERVIEWS REMAIN. EX-114

MOBILE HAS TOTAL OF THIRTYFIVE PERSONS IN THIS CATEGORY  
IN THE MONTGOMERY AREA AND EIGHT IN MOBILE AREA WHOSE NAMES  
COULD BE CHECKED AGAINST AIRLINE RECORDS FOR FLIGHTS FROM MOBILE  
AND MONTGOMERY TO BIRMINGHAM AND RETURN DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.  
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*Tracy Rosen to  
for review 9/17/63  
J. J. [unclear]*

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RESERVATION AND PASSENGER RECORDS FOR EASTERN AIRLINES ARE MAINTAINED IN ATLANTA AND FOR NATIONAL AIRLINES ARE MAINTAINED IN NEW ORLEANS. IF BIRMINGHAM CONSIDERS THIS LEAD ADVISABLE, MOBILE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED AND THESE NAMES WILL BE FURNISHED ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS FOR CHECKING THESE AIRLINE RECORDS. MOBILE WILL CHECK THE EIGHT NAMES AT MOBILE AGAINST RESERVATION AND PASSENGER RECORDS OF SOUTHERN AIRLINES AND UNITED AIRLINES MAINTAINED AT MOBILE.

AS SUGGESTED IN PHONE CALL TO BIRMINGHAM TODAY, BIRMINGHAM SHOULD CHECK ALL CAR RENTAL AGENCIES AT AIRPORT IN BIRMINGHAM COVERING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

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ALABAMA, BOMBING MATTERS UNQUOTE.

OFFICES SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO EXPEDITIOUSLY COVER ANY  
LEADS THEY RECEIVE AND THAT THIS CASE IS BEING HANDLED AS A SPECIAL.

ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY ANY OFFICE SHOULD BE  
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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 20, 1963

FROM :

C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH  
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963  
BOMBING MATTERS

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By reference from the Director's Office, I talked with Senator Dick Russell (D-Georgia) at 11:45 AM this morning. Upon learning of the Director's absence, the Senator asked to speak with me. I told him that unfortunately the Director was in travel status and that I would be talking with him this afternoon and would be glad to relay any message.)

*Richard E. Russell*

The Senator was very friendly and talked for approximately 15-20 minutes. He stated he was sorely troubled about the Birmingham case. He stated that he hoped the FBI would solve this matter and bring the guilty individuals to task. The Senator specifically asked if we were looking into all angles. I asked him what he meant. He stated there is a possibility, of course, that Negroes might have perpetrated this incident in order to keep emotions at a fever pitch. He added, of course, there is always a possibility that the communists had perpetrated the bombing. I told the Senator the Director had instructed nothing be overlooked in our investigation of this matter.

Senator Russell told me he sincerely hoped that the Attorney General or the President would not attempt to suppress evidence in this case. He said he knew that Mr. Hoover would never stand for such an act, however, the possibility always existed that if the perpetrators of the Birmingham incident proved to be individuals whose guilt might embarrass the Administration, there could possibly be an attempt to suppress evidence or play down the guilt of these individuals. I told Senator Russell that the Director would never be a party to such an incident, that as a matter of fact, if any Administration attempted to use the FBI in this manner, they would certainly regret it. I mentioned that the Director on a number of occasions had indicated that no Attorney General had ever attempted to use the FBI in a "political" manner, however, if that day ever came, then the Director would undoubtedly leave office. The Senator stated he knew this, however, was gratified to hear this from us. He asked that I stop by his office on the next time up to the Hill.

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ACTION: For record purposes.

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Evans  
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1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Miss Holmes  
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones



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TO : Mr. Belmont *W*

FROM : A. Rosen *fr*

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH  
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63  
BOMBING MATTERS

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*Will [redacted]  
2 [redacted]  
[redacted]*

The following information concerns our investigations of the recent bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, the residence of *A. J. Shores* and the intersection of 16th Avenue and Center Street South.

Material obtained from the crime scene of the shrapnel bombing at 16th Avenue and Center Street South on 9-25-63 has been examined by our Laboratory representative and no indication of the specific type of explosive or the method of detonation was found on the material, however, the damage is characteristic of that which would be caused by explosives such as dynamite. The evidentiary material collected at the scene has been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for further examination in an effort to determine the nature of the explosive used.

The intensified investigation concerning the Chambliss group is going forward as rapidly as possible. [redacted] was located and interviewed 9-26-63.

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[redacted] He was afforded a polygraph examination, and the results indicate deception on his part with regard to [redacted]

He will be interviewed further.

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[redacted] was again interviewed but he maintained he has no knowledge of any of the bombings. He admitted being a Klansman and an associate of [redacted] but insisted that Klan members are not responsible for the bombings. He refused to submit to a polygraph examination.

1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. Evans  
1 - Mr. Conrad 1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH  
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

The Birmingham Office advised that [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] of the National Ku Klux Klan who offered to cooperate  
with the Bureau in its investigation of the bombing of the Baptist  
Church. [REDACTED]

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The information furnished by [REDACTED] b7C  
is being thoroughly  
checked into and the investigation concerning the Chambliss group  
is receiving most intensive investigative effort. Interviews of  
members of this group are continuing.

We are also continuing to check on members of the [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] and are following their activities through a  
Birmingham informant who is close to the group.

67C In connection with our inquiry as to the possible  
involvement of members of the Nation of Islam (NOI) in the bombings,  
[REDACTED] of the Birmingham Mosque of the NOI,  
refused to cooperate in any manner in the investigation although  
the Mosque is within a half block of the victim church. He stated  
that he believes in black supremacy and wants nothing to do with  
the white race. In addition to interviews of members, we are  
checking on this group through informants but nothing of significance  
has been developed indicating any suspects in the bombings thus far.

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You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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September 30, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With reference to the two arrests by the Alabama Highway Patrol yesterday in alleged connection with the recent bombing of the Negro church in Alabama, I wanted to bring to your attention certain observations concerning this matter.

The Alabama Highway Patrol arrested Robert E. Chambliss and Charles Arnie Cagle. They have not filed any charges against them and they are being held for investigation. I am reliably informed that the Alabama Highway Patrol has very little substantial evidence against these two individuals.

These two individuals have been among the principal suspects in the bombings which have occurred in Birmingham. We have interviewed them and their associates a number of times and have also given lie detector tests to them. They have admitted in our interrogations that they had been in possession of dynamite but beyond that they would make no statement. By reason of our intensive investigation of Chambliss, Cagle and their associates it has become generally known that the FBI was pressing vigorously its investigation of this particular group which has had active connection with the United Americans for Conservative Government. Chambliss himself in the past has been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. The question naturally arises as to why this Bureau was not advised by the Alabama Highway Patrol of the contemplated action in arresting Chambliss and Cagle. By doing so they have certainly "flushed" the case and I doubt that they will be able to hold these two men beyond the seventy-two hours allowed for detention for investigation.

As has been indicated to me on a number of occasions, there is a strong feeling upon the part of the Negro elements in the South that they cannot work with or report to the FBI any information because of our cooperation with the local authorities. The Negro elements have felt, I am

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**Memorandum for the Attorney General**

told, that such close cooperation prejudices the FBI and results in no results being obtained. That, of course, is an absolute fallacy for we have obtained results in a number of church bombings and other civil rights violations.

However, in order to minimize as much as possible the unwarranted criticism which the FBI has received, we have over the last year refrained from close contacts or connection with the local authorities. This I have regretted because a gulf has gradually developed and we are not kept informed as we have been in the past of actions contemplated and developments in cases handled by the local authorities. In the late twenties and early thirties there was great reluctance upon the part of the local authorities to cooperate with the FBI and it took us several years before we could break down this reluctance, but we finally did so and from that time until within the last year we have had the closest cooperation from the local authorities in all matters including civil rights. That cooperation has now practically ended by reason of our refraining from dealing with the local authorities. I personally do not approve of this policy because I think law enforcement should work as a team, and the mere fact that we have had in the past cordial relationships with local authorities did not mean that we favored them if they violated any Federal statute. As a matter of fact, our record shows that we have vigorously investigated and successfully prosecuted local authorities when Federal laws have been violated.

Another aspect of this matter which I think should be drawn to your attention has been the constant complaint made by the Negro element in the South that there was no use to report matters to the FBI because all of our Agents in the South were Southerners. This complaint was untrue. Martin Luther King several months ago made a speech in which he claimed that all of our Agents in Albany, Georgia, where there had been violent racial demonstrations, were born in the deep South and Negroes should not report matters to that office. We have five Agents at Albany, Georgia, and I checked into the matter and found that four of the five had been born in northern states and that only one had been born in what could be called the deep South. I made an effort to effect an appointment with Martin Luther King so as to correct his impression, assuming he had been misinformed, but he refused to make an appointment so I, therefore, have to conclude that he was deliberately lying when he made the statement he did. Nevertheless the effect of his statement in the South and the statements of other Negro leaders has resulted in the impression that practically all of our southern offices are manned by Agents who were born in the South.



**Memorandum for the Attorney General**

This is likewise untrue but, in order to minimize the criticism as much as possible, I initiated the program a year ago transferring southern-born Agents from southern offices and replacing them with northern-born Agents. I did not think that this was a wise action to take but I took it in order that the criticism which has arisen against the Bureau in its work in the civil rights field might to some degree be minimized.

Now the climax seems to have finally been reached because last week in conferences with Blaik and Royall the Negro leaders in Birmingham claimed that they could not put any reliability in the FBI because the northern Agents who have been assigned to southern offices have married or are marrying girls born in the South. I certainly do not intend to issue any orders forbidding any Agent in this service to marry a girl irrespective of where she may be born. I think the limit of palliation and appeasement has been reached. The Bureau has and intends to continue to vigorously investigate any violations of the civil rights statute which are authorized by the Department. You, no doubt, have noted that in the newspapers in the last week quite a number of Negro leaders have referred to the fact that there have been forty-six bombings in Alabama and none has been solved by the FBI. This again is a falsehood. Under the procedure set up by the Department we must submit to the Civil Rights Division a report on any bombing which takes place and the Civil Rights Division then determines whether the FBI should initiate a full and thorough investigation. Out of the forty-six bombings which have taken place in Alabama the Bureau has been authorized to investigate only five by the Civil Rights Division.

Because of the contention of the Civil Rights Division, and I think a very sound one, that the law as passed by Congress which raises a presumption that the explosive used in a bombing has been transported interstate does not relieve the local or state authorities from active investigations of such bombings, in instances where there is even a substantial indication that the explosives have been transported interstate the Department has authorized full investigations and the Bureau has made them.

I wanted to set forth my views concerning this matter because there is becoming more and more misunderstanding about just what the FBI's authority is and what it does and the reason why it does it.

Memorandum for the Attorney General

I do not believe that even within the Department the situation is fully understood. A week ago a newspaper reporter was furnished by the Department with the report concerning the forty-six bombings and the fact that the FBI had solved none. It was not pointed out to that reporter that the FBI had been authorized to investigate only five of the forty-six bombings so, as the article was written, it very improperly gave the impression that the FBI was dragging its heels in actively investigating the bombings in Alabama.

Respectfully,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Miss HOLMES

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BY	J. E. H.

Date: 10/3/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-318) P

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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all logical sources in Memphis have been interviewed in an effort to locate a [REDACTED] without reflecting any information that an individual by this name ever resided in Memphis or in Whitehaven, Tenn. It will be noted that Whitehaven is an unincorporated suburb of Memphis, located in Shelby County, Tenn. and purportedly has about 50,000 population.

IC [REDACTED] checked at the following establishments and no record was obtained of either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Consumer Credit Association; [REDACTED], Identification Division, MemphisPD; [REDACTED] Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division.

Also, pertinent phone and city directories were checked with negative results. No further action being taken by Memphis. It will be noted that re Bureau airtel indicates the possibility that these individuals returned to Birmingham, Ala.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: 10/1/63

FROM : A. Rosen *R*SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH,  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63  
BOMBING MATTERS

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DATE 3-10-86 BY SP4EJW/EN

The following are the developments which have occurred in connection with our investigations of the bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, residence of Arthur James, and the intersection of Sixteenth Avenue and Center Street South.

The individuals picked up by the Alabama Highway Patrol (AHP) on the night of 9/29/63 and early morning 9/30/63 for interrogation following the arrests of Robert R. Chambliss and Charles Arthur Sledge in connection with the Birmingham bombings were released during the early morning hours of 9/30/63. Chambliss and Sledge are still in custody at the city jail in Birmingham. Those released included John Wesley Hall and Louis Varner. Through interviews with suspects, released the Birmingham Office has ascertained that representatives of the AHP were of the opinion that they might scoop other law enforcement officers by the wholesale pick up and interrogation of suspects whose identities they learned from various individuals under investigation as suspects by the Bureau and Birmingham police.

No charges have yet been filed against Chambliss and Sledge and they are being held for the AHP on "open charges" or for investigation. Birmingham advises that it is the consensus of law enforcement officers and representatives of press that Chambliss and Sledge, if they desired to sue for false arrest, would have an excellent basis since the interrogation of them by AHP developed only information that ~~Chambliss and Sledge~~ had at one time picked up a partial case of dynamite at the residence of Chambliss. This information concerning the ~~case~~ was previously furnished to Bureau Agents by ~~Chambliss and Sledge~~ and ~~Chambliss and Sledge~~.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 30, 1963

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT:

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BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963  
BOMBING MATTERS

The Attorney General called shortly after 8 o'clock this morning and asked about developments in this case in Birmingham, particularly the reports that the State Police had arrested two individuals. He was informed that we had been keeping Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division informed during the night as to these developments. He was furnished the same information that had been given earlier to Mr. Marshall, which satisfied him, and he asked to be apprised as to any further information developed.

After his arrival at the office, the Attorney General was contacted personally. He was informed that as a result of the constant complaining by the integration groups about our Agents working with the local authorities in the South, we have had to withdraw in this regard so that we don't get information as to their plans as we have in the past; that there had been a time in the past when the local authorities did not trust or work with Federal Agencies, but that by concerted effort over the years we had overcome this insofar as the FBI is concerned, and had built up a close association, and we knew what action the local authorities were taking. Because of the criticism that FBI Agents have been too close to the police in the South, we have had to back off, and as a result have lost our contacts.

It was further brought to the Attorney General's attention that we had been replacing southern-born Agents assigned to that area with Agents born and reared in the North. Now the Negro leaders have cast aspersions on these northern Agents because some of them have married southern girls and this allegedly brings the Agents too close to the South.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

The Attorney General was further informed that if we sent our Negro Agents to the South, the situation would be even worse.

I had the Attorney General's complete attention, and there is no question he heard what I said. Nevertheless, he only remarked "Yeah" and immediately followed by saying, "I think Senator McClellan is interrupting Valachi too much in his testimony."

I returned to the situation in Birmingham by reiterating the fact that as the Attorney General was aware, we had been conducting the most exhaustive and intensive investigation possible; that we had been keeping the pressure on and had handled many interviews with the Chambliss group, using the polygraph where consent was secured. Chambliss himself was reinterviewed on Saturday and others of his associates on Sunday. Obviously these interviews have become known, as the subjects themselves must have told others they had been contacted by the FBI.

The Attorney General said he appreciated this and asked that we continue to keep him informed.

I left him with the remark that I personally hoped this action by the State Police, which appeared to be premature, would not ruin completely the possibilities of getting substantial information through hard intensive investigation. He said he hoped so, too.

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